

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the careful examination of the application, and for the indication of allowable subject matter. However, in view of the foregoing amendments and the remarks that follow, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections.

Claims 1, 7-10, and 12-13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,591,149, hereinafter *Cree*.

Claim 6 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Cree* in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,924,626, hereinafter *Lee*. Claim 11 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Cree* in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,954,705, hereinafter *Sawaki*. And, the Examiner has indicated that claims 2-5 are objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In response to the indication of allowability from the Examiner, claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 2. In addition, claims 3 and 4 have been rewritten in independent form. All remaining claims depend from either claim 1, claim 3, or claim 4. Claim 2 has been cancelled to avoid duplication with amended claim 1.

The fact that all independent claims now include subject matter indicated by the Examiner as being allowable, the application should now be in condition for allowance.


In the event that there are any questions concerning this Amendment, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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